न घट जाए, इस मकसद को सामने रखते हुए तकरीबन 6 हजार 400 करोड़ रुपए इस कॉमनवेल्थ गेम्स पर सीधा खर्च करने का इरादा है। उसके साथ-साथ जो हमारे शहर, हमारी राजधानी का विकास होगा, उसमें मेट्रो को भी शामिल करके तकरीबन 20 हजार करोड़ रुपए और भी खर्च किए जाएंगे।

मैं आपसे बिल्कुल सहमत हूं कि यदि हमने इस प्रकार की सुविधाएं देश भर में उपलब्ध कराई, तो सब को इसका फायदा उठाने का मौका मिलेगा। मैं उम्मीद रखता हूं कि आने वाले दिनों में इस प्रकार की अच्छी-अच्छी सुविधाएं हम देश भर में पहुंचा पाएंगे, लेकिन यह एक बहुत लम्बे दौर की योजना है।

जहां तक यमुना का सवाल है तो वह विषय आज दिल्ली के हाई कोर्ट में है। उस पर हियरिंग हो चुकी है और उस पर जो निर्णय वह अदालत देने वाली है, हम उसकी अपेक्षा में हैं। इसलिए मेरे ख्याल में आपको यहां इस तरह से टिप्पणियां इस सदन में नहीं की जानी चाहिए और इसलिए मैं तो न अपनी हाँ को आपकी हाँ में जोड़ना चाहूंगा और न ही इसका इनकार करना चाहूंगा। मैं इस इंतज़ार में हूं कि अदालत हमें बताए कि हम आगे बढ़ें या नहीं बढ़ें।

*204. [The questioner (s) Shri Nandi Yellaiah was absent. For answer *vide* page 30]

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, Question Nos. 205 and 209 can be clubbed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take them as they come.

Spectrum controversy

*205. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's National Security Advisor was asked to step in to resolve spectrum controversy and has met Department of Telecommunications, Telecom Rgulatory Authority and Telecom in the month of February to discuss the issue;

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held;

(c) whether all the hurdles that were preventing clearance of spectrum have been removed; and

(d) if so, by when final decision about the spectrum is considered?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted for vacation of spectrum and raising resources for the purpose. In its first meeting (September, 2007), the GoM decided among others, to setup a committee under the national Security Adviser for speedy release/vacation of spectrum. The meeting of this committee scheduled in February 2008 has been postponed.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Sir, my first supplementary would be, what is the quantum of spectrum being released by the Defence for the telecom operators and what steps is the DoT taking to ensure that the Defence communications needs are to be met after this release?

DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD: Sir, the GoM was constituted for the release of spectrum and for further discussion with the Department of Telecommunication and Department of Defence on this. For this, a Committee under the chairmanship of the National Security

Adviser has been constituted, and it is meeting in the near future. The meeting, which was scheduled in February, was postponed, and the meeting will take place in the near future. The Committee will decide what is to be done in this respect. Sir, we are in constant touch with the Department of Defence.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Sir, though the hon. Minister hasn't answered my question, even then I will ask my second supplementary. Since there seems to be a delay in this release, will the Ministry be charging a levy on the Defence Ministry? Or how are they going to advise this case so that the consumers get this spectrum as soon as possible?

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, it is true that there is a delay, but the delay is always justified in this case. By virtue of the Indian Telegraphs Act, the Ministry is the true owner of spectrum. Since time immemorial, and that too specifically, when the mobile telephone operation was not in existence, these spectrum were used by the Defence Ministry for various reasons, including, the Air Force, the Army and the Navy. So, there must be a technical study between the two Ministries as to what quantum of spectrum is essentially needed for the Defence. Thereafter, they can decide how much spectrum can be allocated for civil purposes. Since it does require a technical study, the National Adviser was asked to have a look into that. That study is going on. Before the report of that study comes in the hands of this Ministry, we cannot say how much spectrum is going to be released. Of course, through her second supplementary, the hon. Member has made a good suggestion. Of course, as far as this suggestion is concerned, the Finance Ministry has already given its clearance. If there is a delay and if the DoT is intended to levy any reasonable charge, DoT is always at liberty. But, at this juncture, since the technical study is going on, we cannot say how much levy can be imposed on them.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I hope the hon. Minister will appreciate that the mobile development in India is one of the greatest success stories of our country, and we need to salute the entrepreneurs who have made it possible that the commonest man is having that instrument of communication in his hand today. Yes, hon. Minister, you are right in saying that the spectrum is the Government's sovereign power which you need to have. But today there are competing claims on spectrum between the mobile technology of two varieties, the space needs to be vacated, the Army's concerns need to be addressed, and there has to be a definite timeframe within which it has to be concluded because the pressure on linkage is now getting affected on the convenience of technology itself. You can see that.

The second thing is very important. I would like him to clarify this position. The TRAI has given a report stating its various positions. In this light, the time is of great essence. From the reply given by the hon. Minister, I don't see as to whether any timeframe has been fixed because of competing claim so that the common good doesn't suffer. In that light, the TRAI report is there. You have got to disagree with the report. I would like to ask this question in three parts, namely, (a) (b) and (c). The part (a) of my question is: what is the Government's stand on TRAI report? Part (b) of my question is, what is the Government of India's stand; and part (c) is: what is the timeframe within which this whole GoM is going to be concluded?

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, the recommendation made by the TRAI has nothing to do with this question. If the Chair permits, then we can club Question No. 209 with this question. Of course, this is very specific to that question. ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, this question pertains to the vacation of spectrum. The hon. Member wants to know the circulated criterion which is

being recommended by the TRAI and whether it is going to be accepted or not. It comes under Question No. 209. If the Chair feels that both the question can be clubbed, then I can answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 206. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I want to know whether there is any timeframe for the GoM to be concluded ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI A. RAJA: Question No. 209 is there. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 206, please. ...(*Interruptions*)...

*206. [The questioner (Shri S. Anbalagan was absent. For answer *vide* page 32]

Central assistance for drinking water in cities

*207. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to provide assistance to ten cities in the country which would undertake to provide drinking water to the population throughout the day and all the seven days in the week, *i.e.* on 24x7 basis;

(b) if so, the names of cities where such projects are proposed to be undertaken and the basis on which central assistance is to be provided; and

(c) by then the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c) There is no such specific proposal for any group of ten cities. However, the Central Government has sanctioned 44 water supply projects in the country at a total approved cost of Rs. 3832.14 crore under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission with the obejctive of providing continuous water supply (24x7) in the areas covered by projects. List of these projects along with names of cities and target date of completion is given in the statement.

Statement

Proposed water supply projects designed as continous system (24x7) *approved under JNNURM* (*as on* 10.03.2008)

Sl. No.	City	Project Name	Approved cost (Rs. in (lakhs)	Date of Approval	Date of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Hyderabad	Providing Inlet and Outlet Main (Water supply Trunk Mains) of North and South Musi river	23222.00	28.01.2008	28.01.2010
2.	Vijayawada	Providing Water Supply facilities in unserved areas	3548.00	27.03.2006	June, 08
3.	Vishakhapatnam	Providing water supply distribution system to Gajuwaka area of GVMC (Phase II)	4600.00	07.09.2007	March, 09